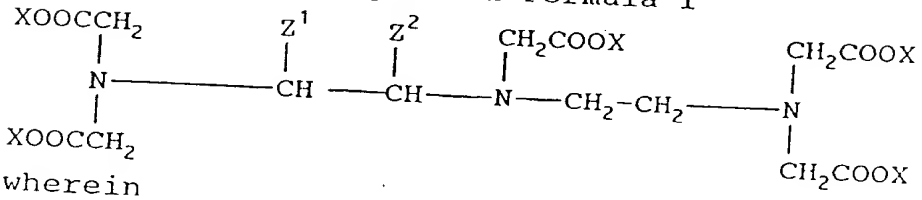
ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Compounds of general Formula I



(I),

wherein

Z^1 and Z^2 in each case independently mean the residue

$-(CH_2)_m-(C_6H_4)_q-(O)_k-(CH_2)_n-(C_6H_4)_l-(O)_r-R$,

wherein

m and n means the numbers 0-20,

k, l, q and r means the numbers 0 and 1, and

R means a hydrogen atom, an optionally OR^1-substituted C_1-C_6-alkyl residue, or a CH_2COOR^1 group with R^1 meaning a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_6-alkyl residue, or a benzyl group,

X means a hydrogen atom and/or a metal ion equivalent of an element of atomic number 21-29, 42, 44 or 57-83,

with the provisos that at least two the substituents X stand for a metal ion equivalent; that one of the substituents Z^1 and Z^2 stands for a hydrogen and the other is not H; that -- if n and l each mean the number 0 -- k and r do not simultaneously mean the number 1; that $-(O)_r-R$ is not -OH; and that Z^1 and Z^2 are not

$-CH_2-C_6H_4-O-CH_2-COOCH_2C_6H_5$ or

$-CH_2-C_6H_4-O-(CH_2)_5-COOCH_2C_6H_5$,

as well as their salts with inorganic and/or organic bases, amino acids or amino acid amides,

are valuable pharmaceutical agents, e.g., for NMR ~~or X-ray imaging~~.